

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 29 June 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5 and 7-21 being renumbered as 1-21.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
----- 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/02/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1,3-5 and 7-23:

The prior art do not teach an editing system for editing a plurality of media materials to produce a media composition including interlaced frames having multiple fields, and identified by an edit decision list, said the editing system comprising a combination of :

an editing machine for performing editing actions on one of said plurality of media meted materials in response to editing instructions corresponding to said the editing actions; and

an EDL generator for generating, in response to said the editing actions, an edit decision list wherein the edit decision list includes a sequence of said the interlaced frames corresponding to said result the media composition and a field relationship between said the interlaced frames, the field relationship represents an alternating cadence of video fields associated with each frame of the media composition as specified in claim 1.

The prior art do not teach an editing system for editing a plurality of media materials to produce a media composition including interlaced frames having multiple fields, and identified by an edit decision list, the editing system comprising a combination of an editing machine for performing, editing actions on one of the plurality of media materials in response to editing instructions corresponding to the editing

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actions; and an **EDL generator for generating, in response to the editing actions an edit decision list wherein the edit decision list includes a sequence of the interlaced frames corresponding to the media composition and a field relationship between the interlaced frames, wherein the EDL generator generates the edit decision list including metadata for communicating with a downstream processor and wherein the metadata indicates which fields of the media composition are to be handled in a similar fashion by said the downstream processor** as specified in claim 7.

The prior art do not teach an editing system for editing a composition of motion video enabling an editor to **specify segments of source material and to specify a sequence of the specified segments of source material, wherein each segment of source material is defined in an edit decision list by a reference to the source material and a portion of the source material using time codes, and wherein the sequence of the specified segments is defined in the edit decision list by a position in time for each segment using time codes, wherein each time code used in the edit decision list has an associated video field indicator and pulldown phase of the indicated video field, and wherein the associated video field indicator and an indicator of the pulldown phase are stored in the edit decision list** as specified in claim 13.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T NGUYEN whose telephone number is (703) 305-4775. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on (703) 305-4380. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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